

WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE NURSES SOCIETY

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I am pleased to welcome the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society [WOCN] to Seattle, WA, June 15-19, for their 28th annual conference. The theme of the conference, "The Future Is Ours To Create," will focus on future opportunities and challenges relating to the changing and expanding role of enterostomal therapists [ET] nurses and other nurses specializing in wound, ostomy, and continence care.

Founded in 1968, the WOCN is the only national organization for nurses who specialize in the prevention of pressure ulcers and the management and rehabilitation of persons with ostomies, wounds, and incontinence. WOCN, an association of ET nurses, is a professional nursing society which supports its members by promoting educational, clinical, and research opportunities, to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert health care to individuals with wounds, ostomies, and incontinence.

In this age of changing health care services and skyrocketing costs, the WOCN nurse plays an integral role in providing cost-effective care for their patients. This year's Seattle conference will provide a unique opportunity for WOCN participants to learn about the most current issues and trends related to their practice. I am honored that WOCN has chosen Seattle to host its conference and wish them every success. •

SEA-LAND CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CHARLESTON

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to the contribution of Sea-Land Services to the city of Charleston over the past 30 years. Not only my hometown, but the entire State of South Carolina has benefited from the services of this company.

Sea Land's founder, Malcolm McLean, is the father of modern containerization. It was his idea to use standardized boxes for shipping goods internationally by sea. By limiting the handling of a container's contents, this technique afforded rapid, safe, and inexpensive transportation of goods all over the world, thus having a profound impact on world trade and economic development. It is a simple concept, containerization of goods to be handled only at their origin and their destination, but it is one of the more important innovations in recent history.

Since its arrival in 1966, Sea-Land has enjoyed a prosperous relationship with the city of Charleston. It has expanded to meet the growing trade needs of South Carolinians, and now moves cargo to and from more than 35 countries. In 1966, Sea-Land's container ship, *Gateway City*, first sailed into Charleston harbor; 30 years later, Charleston's container cargo has grown

from 80,000 tons to over 8.2 million tons, with the value growing from \$512 million to more than \$20 billion.

Charleston's efficient inland links and close access to the open sea led other steamship companies to follow Sea-Land's lead and make the city their south Atlantic base of operations. The trading potential offered by these ocean carriers has opened markets around the world for U.S. products. Cargo ships provide many opportunities for economic development in the regions they serve.

Due to the relatively transparent movement of goods these days, few people realize that 95 percent of our international trade moves by ship. This is a tribute to the success of containerization and the transportation industry. The effects of Sea-Land's contribution to the shipping industry go beyond Charleston to the entire State and the Southeast. Manufacturers in 26 States use the extensive shipping services in Charleston. The trade relationships that Sea-Land makes possible bring countries together across the world.

The State of South Carolina has enjoyed tremendous economic growth recently, attracting interest and investments from all over the globe. Without the capital commitments of our ports and ocean carriers like Sea-Land, this would not be possible. We appreciate the continued commitment Sea-Land has made to our area and look forward to another 30 prosperous years. •

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MAHMOUD FAHMY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my warm congratulations to Dr. Mahmoud H. Fahmy of Dallas, PA who will be honored by his colleagues, friends, and family at a testimonial dinner this evening. Dr. Fahmy has recently retired from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA where he spent 30 years of his professional life. Although formally retired from Wilkes University, Dr. Fahmy is currently the President of his own business, serves as chairman of the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees, and is a member of countless community service organizations.

I have had the pleasure of personally knowing Dr. Fahmy and appreciating his dedication, not only to domestic educational endeavors, but to international projects as well. Dr. Fahmy's exemplary duty and service to the community at large has earned him the great respect of his colleagues, friends, and family. I would like to join them in commending him for his dedication to his community and to his profession. Dedicating one's career to education is something very special and should be recognized by all of us who enjoy the fruits of this great country.

The State of Pennsylvania is very lucky to have Dr. Fahmy amongst its citizens, and should be very proud of

his accomplishments. I would like to conclude by extending to him my best wishes for a happy retirement and much success in his future endeavors. •

COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN VICTIMS

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I join my colleagues again this year in remembering today the 1.5 million Armenians who died in 1915 in the hands of the Ottoman Empire. These Armenians were victims of a policy explicitly intended to isolate, exile, and even extinguish the Armenian population. As we look at world events today—in Bosnia, Rwanda, and elsewhere—we must remember the events of 1915, with the hope that with history as a guide, humanity will not engage in such brutality again.

We will also learn from history that America served as a haven for those Armenians fleeing persecution. At the time of the atrocities, America spoke out in defense of a defenseless people, and provided massive amounts of humanitarian assistance to the Armenian people. Today, America still leads the world in championing human rights, and our shores offer refuge to those fleeing persecution throughout the world. On days like today, we must remember what we stand for, and ensure that the U.S. continues to be a beacon of strength and hope for the heroes that stand up and survive such atrocities.

I compliment President Clinton on his commitment to the Armenian cause, and I am proud to join him and my colleagues today in commemorating this important occasion. •

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, the city of Washington, DC, is blessed this week with the presence of some of the most dedicated people in America—its teachers. Each state's Teacher of the Year is visiting Washington to be honored for their top notch work in educating our children.

As a husband of a teacher, I know how some people view the teaching profession. I have heard all of the jokes. And, I have read the articles—including some recent ones—deriding the Nation's teaching force and claiming that teachers are the root of our educational problems.

Well, Mr. President, the Teachers of the Year that are here this week should dispel those myths. These teachers are simply among the best and the brightest our Nation has to offer.

For most of us, there was at least one teacher along the way who touched us, who motivated us, who inspired us. A teacher who was more than just a body at the blackboard. For students in the Indian River School District in my State of Delaware, one of those teachers is Darryl Hudson. He is Delaware's Teacher of the Year, and I want to congratulate him and take just few minutes to honor him.

Mr. Hudson—named the top teacher among over 6,000 public school teachers